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The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room 8-B201
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Amendment of Sections 90.20 and 90.175 of the Commission's Rules for Frequency
Coordination of Public Safety Frequencies in the Private Land Mobile Radio Below-
470 MHz Band, WT Docket No. 02-285

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Industrial Telecommunications Association recently filed comments in the "Public Safety Competition" proceeding recommending that all frequency coordinators be allowed to coordinate Both public safety and industrial/business pool channels.

We here at Lamar Communications, Inc. support ITA's proposal. Public safety coordination fees continue to rise with the current coordination system. APCO now charges \$210 per frequency pair (UHF) and \$210 per frequency (VHF) while ITA charges \$150 per UHF frequency pair and \$150 per VHF frequency. Coordination fees in the industrial/business pool remain competitive since no one coordinator has a monopoly over a specific radio service. Many of the Counties out here in the Southeast corner of Colorado operate on a limited budget due to the low population density. Competition should be introduced into the public safety pool to allow for cheaper public safety coordination. Competition will also increase speed of service and make for a more efficient process.

If there is anything we may do to assist the Commission in this decision, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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